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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 5539

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PINT, KS

SUBJECT: HANGUK THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS TRIAL BEGINS

1. FIVE HANGUK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY STUDENTS, INCLUDING  
KIM HA-POM SON OF KNCC SEC GEN KIM KWAN-SUK, WENT ON  
TRIAL TODAY AT SONGBUK BRANCH DISTRICT COURT.  
STUDENTS, WHO WERE INVOLVED IN AN ATTEMPTED DEMONSTRATION  
AT THE SEMINARY, WERE CHARGED WITH VIOLATING EMERGENCY  
MEASURE NUMBER 9 AND ARTICLE 4 OF THE  
ANTI-COMMUNIST ACT WHICH FORBIDS ENCOURAGING,  
PRAISING OR SIDING WITH COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS.

2. FIRST DAY'S SESSION WAS TAKEN BY PROSECUTION.  
DEFENDANTS ADMITTED THEY HAD CRITICIZED AND  
DEFAMED YUSHIN CONSTITUTION. PROSECUTORS READ  
EXCERPTS FROM DECLARATION BY STUDENTS WHICH HAD BEEN  
SEIZED BY POLICE. PROSECUTION ALLEGED THAT SOME  
MATERIAL FROM STUDENT DECLARATION WAS QUOTED  
BY NORTH KOREA MEDIA AS PART OF PROPAGANDA OFFENSIVE  
AGAINST ROKG.

3. TRIAL WAS HEAVILY ATTENDED. MANY FROM FAMILIES  
OF MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS, A NUMBER OF STUDENTS, MEMBERS  
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OF US MISSIONARY COMMUNITY, AND YANG IL-TONG, DUP  
LEADER, WERE AMONG SPECTATORS. THERE WERE NO  
INCIDENTS.  
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